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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

BRUSSELS FOR THE SECRETARY AND DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK ZA
SUBJ: RHODESIA: WHERE KAUNDA STANDS TODAY

1. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE POSITION WHICH KAUNDA
TOOK IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY HAS BEEN INTERPRETED
SOMEWHAT MORE NEGATIVELY THAN HE INTENDED. HE WAS NOT
OPTING OUT OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL, OR OUT OF FURTHER
DISCUSSION OF ITS PROVISIONS, OR EVEN OUT OF EVENTUAL
SUPPORT FOR IT. AS MARK CHONA MADE CLEAR TO ME A NUMBER
OF TIMES ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, THE PRESIDENT IS
SIMPLY WITHDRAWING FROM THE DEBATE OVER THE ELECTIONS
ISSUE. HIS VIEWS HAVE NOT CHANGED; HE REMAINS

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UNCONVINCED THAT ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD WITHOUT BLOODSHED.
BUT HE IS BOWING TO THE OPINION OF OTHERS AND THE NEED
TO MOVE AHEAD. HE REMAINS SKEPTICAL THAT THE PROPOSALS
WILL IN THE END GET RID OF SMITH, BUT HE DOES NOT WANT
TO STAND IN THE WAY OF ANY ATTEMPT TO DO SO.

2. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN ORDER FOR THE

PRESIDENT TO MAKE A RECORD OF HIS VIEWS. LATER HE CAN TURN TO THEM AND SAY "I TOLD YOU SO", AND IF THINGS DO NOT GO WELL, HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT NKOMO AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT BECAUSE HE PREDICTED THE PROBLEMS.

3. DAVID OWEN PROVIDED A RED HERRING FOR KAUNDA. BLAMING AND CONDEMNING OWEN PROVIDED A DISTRACTION WHILE HE BACKED AWAY FROM A POSITION WHICH HAD BEEN WIDELY ATTACKED, EVEN BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE FRONTLINE, AND IT WAS EASIER TO BLAME OWEN THAN NYERERE.

4. KAUNDA WILL REMAIN DISTANT FROM THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AS LONG AS HE BELIEVES THAT SMITH REMAINS ITS FINAL ARBITER. HE HAS EVEN RESERVED THE RAGHT TO CONDEMN IT AT SOME LATER DATE. IN OUR VIEW, KAUNDA ATTEMPTED TO IMPOSE ON THE INITIATIVE AND HIS FL COLLEAGUES A NEW LINE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A FRELIIMO TYPE SOLUTION IN RHODESIA WHICH WOULD TURN OVER POWER DIRECTLY TO THE PF. HE FAILED IN THIS AND HE RECOGNIZES THAT FACT. HE HAS WITHDRAWN TO LICK HIS WOUNDS AND WILL REJOIN HIS FL COLLEAGUES' POSITION ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE BUT HE WILL GIVE IT NO MORE COOPERATION THAN HE HAS IN THE PAST UNTIL HE BELIEVES THAT IT CAN DELIVER SMITH.

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